

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Telephone rates are high enough right now. When you see an add for a the service you like it is common for the price to increase around \$15 after taxes and surcharges. A bill that is advertized as \$39.95 now comes in close to \$60.00 which I find outrageous. I understand that people have to be paid to take care of the technologies involved but to make private users pay this much in charges above and beyond what is necessary is unfair. Please do what you can to keep the cost low as a convenience such as a cell phone has saved many lives due the ease of reporting incidences in public. I feel that with the increase in technology not only will response times to 911 get better, crime itself will have to lower due to the concern that everyone around you have the opportunity to call in 911 at any given moment. Make this possible for more people and what I speak will be true. -Regards

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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Senator Charles Schumer
Representative John Sweeney
Senator Hillary Clinton